

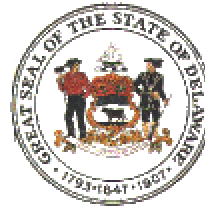


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**SENATOR CARPER WELCOMES WHITMAN WITH PRAISE**

WASHINGTON – Senator Tom Carper today welcomed with praise Governor Christie Whitman to her Senate committee confirmation hearing. Senator Carper and Governor Whitman are former colleagues from the National Governors Association.

“As a governor for eight years, I have had a chance to work closely with Governor Whitman on issues important to our neighboring states,” said Carper (D-DE), past Chairman of the NGA. “Whether working to develop creative new automobile emissions testing standards so our region would enjoy cleaner air, or fighting to protect horseshoe crabs in Delaware Bay from over fishing, I believe Governor Whitman has an ability to find workable solutions without a diminished resolve for a cleaner environment.”

During his first committee hearing since being sworn in as a United States Senator, Carper urged Whitman to seek innovative solutions to environmental problems and work with the private sector, the Senate and other branches of government.

“While it is crucial that the EPA Administrator enforce existing environmental laws, they also must support and encourage innovation and cooperation as industries achieve and move beyond current requirements,” Carper said. “While we have made important strides in the past three decades, we have an obligation to try harder; to do better. Whatever the challenge, be it global warming, nuclear waste, polluted coastal waters or urban sprawl, we must work together.”

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